

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Chesapeake City Bank branch of Elkton Banking and Trust

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Bohemia Avenue, north west corner of 2nd. Street

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Chesapeake City

VICINITY OF

STATE

COUNTY

Maryland

Cecil

**3 CLASSIFICATION****CATEGORY**

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

**ACCESSIBLE**

☒ YES, RESTRICTED  
☐ YES, UNRESTRICTED  
☐ NO

**PRESENT USE**

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☒ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Elkton Banking and Trust Company

Telephone #: (301) 398-2600

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

STATE, zip code

Elkton

VICINITY OF

Maryland 21921

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, Cecil County Courthouse  
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Liber #: HWL No. 6

Folio #: 487

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Courthouse Building

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Elkton

Maryland 21921

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
 SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## 7 DESCRIPTION

0013

### CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

On the north west corner of Bohemia Avenue and Second Street stands the massive granite Chesapeake City Bank. It is two bays wide and three deep, is one story with a two story entrance tower.

The tower is located on the corner and the entrance is on the east facade and has a semicircular overhead transom over double doors. Between the arch and the three small windows above is a white decorative tin cornice with wreaths on the fascia and a dentil course beneath the crown. The roof of the tower has a plainer cornice (probably replaced) and a hip roof. To the north of the tower is a section of Mansard slate roof with continuation of the cornice mentioned above. An 'A' roof is concealed from this front by this false facade. The cornice continues on both sides of the structure.

Beneath the Mansard roof are double windows with iron grills protecting the 1/1 pane sash. There is a wide Jack arch of granite, like the other windows in the building.

The iron railings which flank the front steps, as well as the plate glass doors appear to be more recent in date than its original construction. A night depository has also been added adjacent the tower.

In front of the building is a large granite monument dedicated to those who fought in the Armed Services. The panel with inscribed names has been removed by vandals.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Chesapeake City Bank is the only banking building in the town. As was popular during the first quarter of the twentieth century, the building was constructed of heavy masonry to give the impression of great solidity. The building's semi-circular arched door possibly is derived from Richardsonian buildings of the late 19th century, although its cornice is more typical of the Colonial Revival. As the only totally granite building in Chesapeake City, it is significant in itself as in its relation to the neighboring frame structures.

Kendall Cropper acquired this land from the Bayards in 1836. At that time the lot ran all the way to George Street and allowed the right of way for the alley, William Street. John Banks, who has a restaurant and dealt in wines and liquors, owned the property and organized the bank.

The lot on which the bank building stands was transferred in 1903 from John and Elizabeth Banks to the National Bank of Chesapeake City. The granite building was completed in that same year, and has served the community continuously since that time. In 1922, The Elkton Bank and Trust Company bought the real estate and assumed management of the bank. The interior has been remodeled at least twice since 1903.

John Banks was elected Treasurer of Cecil County in 1894 and afterward served three terms as assistant treasurer. After retiring, he organized the bank and served as cashier until his death at age fifty one from choking on a fish bone. John Banks was a successful business man who did much to advance Chesapeake City.

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## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Michael Bourne & Katherine Wein

April 9, 1976

ORGANIZATION

DATE

South Chesapeake City Historic District Commission

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

c/o Town Council of Chesapeake City

(301) 885-5298

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Chesapeake City

Maryland 21915

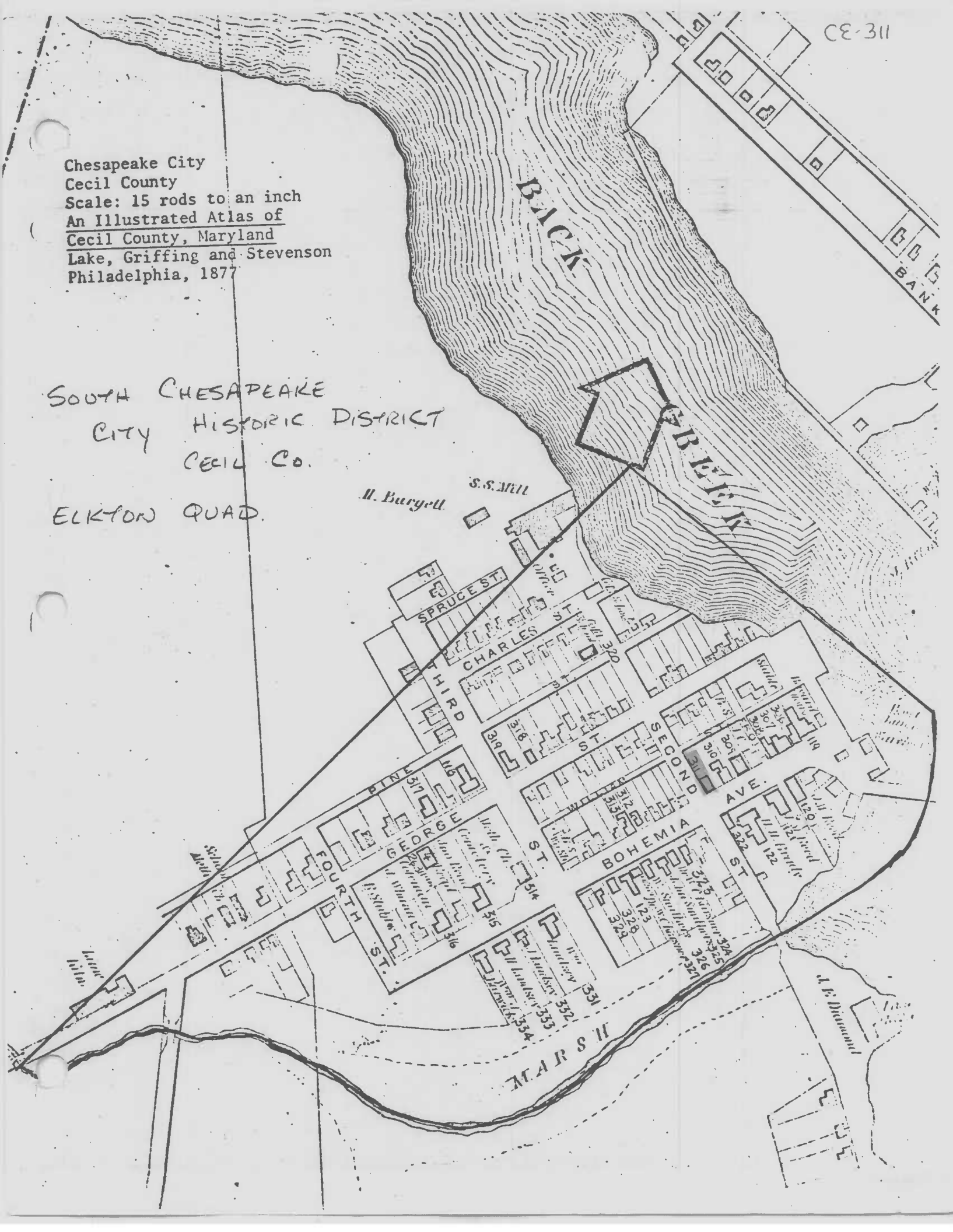
The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

Chesapeake City  
 Cecil County  
 Scale: 15 rods to an inch  
 An Illustrated Atlas of  
 Cecil County, Maryland  
 Lake, Griffing and Stevenson  
 Philadelphia, 1877

SOUTH CHESAPEAKE  
 CITY HISTORIC DISTRICT  
 CECIL CO.  
 ELKTON QUAD.





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Chesapeake City Bank

East facade

M. Bourne April 1976





CE311

South Chesapeake City

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Chesapeake City Bank  
11/2/73

JSE

6/73



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Chesapeake City

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Chesapeake City Bank HSE 7/13



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Chesapeake City Bank PE 7/73